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In re Patent Application of:
Juergen MUELLER et al.

Application No.: 09/868,845

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Art Unit: 2877

For: SCANNING MICROSCOPIC METHOD
HAVING HIGH AXIAL RESOLUTION

Examiner: G. J. Stock

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE

MS Amendment
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper;

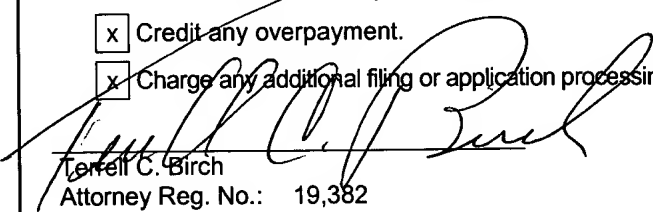
Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 25 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.



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Invention: SCANNING MICROSCOPIC METHOD HAVING HIGH AXIAL RESOLUTION					
MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 28 of this paper.